Subject No. 143.

Subdivision of Survey numbers.

Messrs. Srinivasamurti of Gorur, Venkatramaiya of Channarayapatna and Chendrasekaraiah of Nagamangala.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The amendment to Section 27 of the Land Revenue Rules, as notified in Government Order 7035—R. 3028, dated 4th April 1900, imposes much hardship on the people, especially small shikmidars. Therefore the subdivision of survey numbers without any limit may be authorised as before. If this request cannot be granted on the ground that only the khatedar is primarily responsible for the kandayam, the shikmidars, sharers, &c., lose the chance of establishing their titles by payment of assessment, and this gives room to litigation and unnecessary expense. Hence it is urged that the old order of things may be restored.

(*b*) At least the portions held by hissédars may be ordered to be subdivided.

(*c*) The present Land Revenue Rules prescribe 6 acres of dry land as the limit for purposes of subdivision. It should be reduced to 3 acres.

(*d*) It is learnt that the rule regarding subdivision of fields has been cancelled. If this is true, it will operate as a hardship on holders of lands.

Reply of Government.—The new rule was framed after careful consideration, and cannot be altered so soon without some further experience. The rules do provide for records of shares.

Subject No. 144.

Distribution of tank water.

Mr. Shamanna of Kankanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The distribution of tank water is not properly regulated, and there is much wastage in consequence of each raiyat taking more water by raising the sluice than is actually required for his lands. The result is that very little water is left in the tank. The letting of water from the tank should be scrutinized by Revenue officers, and only Nirgantis should be permitted to distribute water.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter to be represented to Deputy Commissioners.

Subject No. 145.

Village officers to hold office by turns.

Messrs. Venkatramaiya, Rama Rao of Tumkur Taluk, and Venkatramaiya of Channarayapatna.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) All the hakdars in a family in which the hak to the hereditary office of village service subsists may be permitted to do duties by rotation.

(*b*) The duties of shanbhogs may be allowed to be done by all hisséders or sharers, and the grouping of villages into charges may be abolished. The patels should be ordered to discharge their duties in rotation, as the system now in vogue gives rise to dispute between the patels.

(*c*) *Per contra*, Mr. Gundappa of Nagamangala urged that the potgi amount given now was small, being only 25 or 30 rupees a year in many cases, while even a peon got 6 or 7 rupees per month, and that, instead of splitting